



# City of Annapolis

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## Maritime Advisory Board

October 15, 2013

The Maritime Advisory Board (MAB) of the City of Annapolis held its regular meeting on October 15, 2013 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center. **Chair** Lomax called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

**Present:** **Chair** Lomax, **Vice Chair** Buchheister, Gosselin, Franke, Fegley, Allan, Pettingil, Woodward

**Absent:** Outtrim, Hood

**Staff:** Walters, Biba

### **II. June 18, 2013 and July 30, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

The MAB deferred voting on the June and July meeting minutes to its November 19, 2013 meeting.

#### **Miscellaneous**

**Chair** Lomax notified Mr. Fegley that his term expiration is November 30, 2013 so he needs to notify his Alderman if he plans to renew. He clarified membership noting that Mr. Fegley, Mr. Hood and Mr. Outtrim are designees to the Board the remaining members are full board members.

### **III. REGULAR/OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **A. City Dock Master Plan Legislation**

**Chair** Lomax referred members to his October 10, 2013 letter relating to Alderman Budge's amendment to #10 stating that any rezoning should be consistent with new zoning and the Economic Maritime Sector Study. He said that the language was removed from the legislation. He noted that the current amendment plan includes WMC zoning that will remain in place at this time however, new zoning for opportunity sites defined as 110 Compromise Street and two sites on Dock Street are under consideration. The proposal recommends that WMC zoning remain around the perimeter of City Dock for a width of 30-feet. The MAB briefly discussed an email from Mayor Cohen that recaps the amendments that the City Council made to the City Dock Master Plan.

**Chair** Lomax noted that Mayor Cohen agreed to decouple the maritime zoning comprehensive review and the City Dock Master Plan but agreed to include language in the plan regarding the other maritime zones. Mayor Cohen also agreed and put in writing his support request for funding in the upcoming budget for the City to conduct a full comprehensive review of the City's maritime zoning districts. The MAB had a brief discussion regarding their zoning concerns. Immediately following the discussion, the MAB expressed its opposition to using the PUD concept in any future zoning in the opportunity sites and no residential in any new zones except that currently allowed in the C2 zoning. The MAB does not oppose the proposed WMC configuration.

**Chair** Lomax moved that the MAB comment on the amendments to the City Dock Master Plan specifically noting that they do not oppose the modified WMC configuration; there should not be residential in any new zones except for that currently allowed in C2 district; the MAB opposes the planned unit development concept for any new zoning designation. The MAB takes no position on the remaining provisions except those noted above on the City Dock Master Plan and agreed to add in the information from the last letter not addressed with these changes. Ms. Gosselin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.

**Chair** Lomax will draft the comments and share them with the MAB along with the previous letter for review.

**a. AEDC Economic Survey/Strategy Group Status – Survey/Education**

The MAB deferred this agenda item to its November 18, 2013 meeting to make room on the agenda for the City Dock discussion.

**b. Fawcett's Use**

The MAB deferred this agenda item to its November 18, 2013 meeting to make room on the agenda for the City Dock discussion.

**B. Maritime Zoning Review – Cohen Meeting/Arason Call**

**Chair** Lomax received a call from Mayor Cohen who indicated that he would refer the comprehensive review of the maritime zoning to Planning and Zoning office.

**C. Michelle LeFurge/City Dock Events – Attend MAB Meeting**

The MAB deferred this agenda item to its November 18, 2013 meeting.

**D. AEDC Economy Survey**

**Chair** Lomax has not heard anything more regarding the survey from AEDC.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Boat Show Report**

**Vice Chair** Buchheister noted that attendance at the sailboat show appeared to be high but he did not have numbers for the powerboat show. Ms. Gosselin added that Paul Jacobs indicated that the powerboat numbers were higher this year than last year and the sailboat numbers were higher this year. She noted that the vendors were happy. Mr. Fegley attended both shows and was relatively impressed. He noted the quantity and quality of the boats were down in relation to historical levels but this could be due to manufacturing. There were no negatives comments from the Ward One residents and traffic was down. Mr. Walters noted that Bill Griffin said that the sailboat show was very busy this year. Mr. Pettingil said that the Fawcett's sales staff indicated that the sales were up this year for the powerboat. Mr. Allan stated that the day he attended, there was a good crowd for a rainy day.

**B. Aldermen/Mayor invites for next meeting – Budge, Littman, Pfeiffer, Arnett**

The MAB agreed to invite the Aldermen to a future meeting.

**C. 6<sup>th</sup> Street End Dock Repairs**

**Chair** Lomax asked about the 6<sup>th</sup> Street end dock repairs. Mr. Walters visited the area and found that the cleats were broken are not scheduled for replacement. He was unaware of any other issues or concerns at this location.

Mr. Allan inquired about the best approach to getting new street end parks added to the list. Mr. Biba indicated that funding is an issue that the City Manager should address. Mr. Walters briefly discussed an article in the Chesapeake Bay magazine where the writer provided a write up on the 24 street end parks that included photographs of each. He noted that there were three parks not included in the write up. **Chair** Lomax asked Mr. Walters to provide him with the link to the Chesapeake Bay survey to which he agreed.

**D.**     **Restore Budget for Five Street End Parks**

**Chair** Lomax asked if there are plans to pursue waterway funds to add more parks. It was noted that there would not be any waterway improvements funds available.

**E.**     **City Dock Implementation Committee - Representative**

The MAB deferred this agenda item to its November to make room on the agenda for the City Dock discussion.

**F.**     **Spring Boat Show Lease Status**

Mr. Walters reported that the Spring Boat Show lease would go before the Council at their Monday, October 21, 2013 meeting. He noted that there is a five-year clause in the lease but the lease is one year. He noted that the previous two years included a flat fixed rent fee and this year the rent fee will be gradual starting at 25% of gate up to 50% of gate.

**V.**     **DEFERRED MATTERS:**

**A.**     Special Tax Districts

**B.**     Committee Assignments

**VI**     **ADJOURNMENT**

**The next meeting is Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center.**

With there being no further business, **Vice Chair** Buchheister moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. Mr. Fegley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder